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## Next group of Airmen-Soldiers set to move into Iraq



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Norris

**Airman 1st Class Gurtavo Corte (left) and Senior Airman Douglas Thompson inspect their .50-caliber machine gun mounted on a humvee during a live-fire training exercise July 13. See page 5 for more pictures.**

**Tech. Sgt. Brian Jones**

*332nd AEW/Public Affairs*

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** — "You will be on the frontlines. You will be facing the enemy everyday in some of the most dangerous areas in Iraq."

This is not something Air Force transporters are accustomed to hearing, but was the message from Col. Gary Shick, 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group commander, as he addressed nearly 150 Airmen as they entered the final stages of their training here July 14.

After completing the three-week Basic Combat Convoy Course at Lackland Air Force Base and Camp Bullis, Texas, the vehicle operators arrived here for three days of live-fire convoy training before deploying north to Mosul as part of the 494th Air Expeditionary Force Truck

Company. The transporters will replace Airmen deployed to Mosul since February 2004.

The final stages of training will incorporate close quarters marksmanship where Airmen will fire their M-4s at targets while moving in close proximity to each other. They will also receive familiarization training with weapons such as a .50-caliber and Mark-19 crew served weapons.

The training culminates with live-fire convoy training where the vehicle operators drive a 10-kilometer course and encounter various scenarios like sniper attacks and improvised explosive devices.

"What you do in the next few days will make you one of the best prepared units to go in and do what you're going to do," said Colonel Shick.

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## Soldiers, Airmen pay tribute to Balad Airman

**Sgt. 1st Class  
Julie Friedman**

*T.F. Olympia Public Affairs*

MOSUL, Iraq - Airmen and Soldiers from throughout northern Iraq gathered here July 16 for a memorial service celebrating the life of Staff Sgt. Dustin Peters.

Peters, a member the 494th Air Expeditionary Force Truck Company currently stationed in Mosul, was one of three service members killed when a roadside bomb exploded in front of their convoy on July 11.

As a weapon operator who often rode in the lead gun truck on convoys, Peters was known as a leader who approached every challenge with the desire to get the job done right.

According to one of his best friends, Airman 1st Class Andre Thomas Jr., Peters was an individual whose spirit was filled with courage, commitment and loyalty.

"He was special to us all. Being an outstanding leader was just one of his many traits. Exceptional in everything he did, he had his own way of motivating everyone," Thomas said.

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# Iraqi, American pilots band together

Staff Sgt. Jason Lake

332nd AEW/Public Affairs

Two former enemies came together for lunch in the spirit of friendship July 20.

Six Iraqi air force pilots and 10 American pilots shared stories over lunch at Logistic Staging Area Anaconda's Dining Facility 3, and then took pictures together in front of an F-16 Falcon here.

Despite speaking two vastly different languages, the pilots had no problems understanding each other. Like American pilots, the Iraqi pilots used hand gestures to describe the details of their adventures.

"There is a special language between us pilots," explained Col. Khaled Khadem, the former deputy commander at Balad Air Base before Operation Iraqi Freedom began. "We like to talk with our hands."

Earlier this month, Colonel Khadem spoke with Col. Blair Hansen, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander, about the opportunity to bring a few Iraqi pilots together with American pilots for lunch. After more than an hour behind closed doors, both came out laughing and in good spirits about their first meeting.

When the two reunited Tuesday, Colonel Khadem told Colonel Hansen: "When I met you before, I told my wife that we had talked using our hands. My wife asked me to tell you that one of these days you're going to break all the glasses on the table (while talking with your hands)."

The Iraqi colonel said pilots, whether they fight for the same cause or not, share a common love for their profession.

"There is always friendship between pilots, even if they are fighting against each other," Colonel Khadem explained. "Iraqi pilots are just like American pilots. Flying is like a hobby, not a job."



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Norris

**(Right) Col. Mike Dubie, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing director of staff, shows an Iraqi fighter pilot the controls of an F-16 Falcon during a visit here July 20. Six Iraqi fighter pilots formerly stationed here (before Operation Iraqi Freedom) had lunch with American pilots and took pictures in front of an aircraft they had flown against for more than a decade.**

At the peak of U.N. sanctions against Iraq in the mid-1990s, Colonel Khadem said he was paid only \$3 per month.

"The salary was bad and we had to work without air conditioning, but we stayed," he said. "Even when we lacked the spare parts needed for the aircraft we still stayed because we loved our job and our country."

Colonel Khadem said no matter how bad the situation was, when he took off in his MiG-23 Flogger, all the problems disappeared.

After an hour of hand gestures and laughs during lunch, Colonel Hansen thanked his new Iraqi friends saying, "Some of us have met in the air as enemies, but now we hope to meet in the air as friends," he said. "Today we welcome our friends and partners. It's an honor to be in your country. We look forward to helping you rebuild a stronger air force."

The Iraqi pilots were then offered the chance to see one of the aircraft they had tried to destroy

for nearly a decade - the F-16 Falcon.

As the six Iraqi pilots walked toward the aircraft, Colonel Khadem's face glistened with anticipation.

Lt. Col. Mike Buck, a 332nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron pilot and Operation Southern Watch veteran, invited the colonel to take a seat inside and try out the flight controls.

"Somebody pinch me, because I must be dreaming," Colonel Khadem said. "It has always been one of my dreams to see the F-16 up close."

As the colonel slipped out of the cockpit and ran his hands across the edge of the airframe he told Colonel Buck: "The F-16 is a very smooth and beautiful aircraft compared to the MiG-23."

Colonel Khadem, who currently works near the base, told his



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake

**(Center) Col. Khaled Khadem, former deputy commander of Balad Air Base, demonstrates flight maneuvers to Cols. Blair Hansen, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander, (right) Michael Cosby, 332nd AEW vice commander, and (left) Army Col. Brad MacNealy, 185th Aviation Group commander, during lunch at LSA Anaconda's Dining Facility 3 July 20.**

American counterparts every time he sees an F-16 take off and take a hard turn his heart sinks as if he was in the cockpit.

The 20-year veteran pilot hopes that one day in the future he will have the opportunity to fly for his country.

"I just can't live without flying," he said.



# Services commander cautions Baladians to avoid complacency

Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
332nd AEW/Public Affairs

Thomas Fuller, an English clergyman and historian from the 1600s once said: "He that is too secure is not safe."

Although times have changed over the last four centuries the message remains clear - complacency can be dangerous, especially here in Iraq.

Maj. Mason Pigue, 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron commander, warned servicemembers of the dangers of being complacent with protective measures during alarm conditions at services facilities.

"Lately, a few customers in our facilities have been slow to respond in Alarm Red, and non-compliant with Alarm Yellow conditions," he said in a base-wide email Sunday. "Our

Services facilities are semi-hardened, so when an Alarm Red sounds, personnel are to dismount fitness equipment, stop playing games and put on their protective equipment (if they have it readily available) and get on the floor."

After Alarm Yellow sounds, the major said customers will not be allowed to return to the fitness equipment, resume playing computer games, or get up to use the phone to call in accountability.

"Personnel accountability is not called until the 'All Clear' is sounded," he said. "For all purposes, we are essentially closed."

Major Pigue said when the "All Clear" is sounded, accountability calls may be made and people may resume recreational activities.

## TRIBUTE: Troops honor fallen Airman

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Thomas also remembered Peters for his willingness to help anyone in any way, and always with a cheerful attitude. "He was always smiling and full of jokes. He made people laugh," he said.

That attitude was clearly evident in the pictorial tribute put together by another friend, Staff Sgt. Joel Douglas. In every photo, no matter how adverse the conditions were that he was in, Peters always had a smile on his face.

According to Capt. Tony Anaya, commander of the 494th, Peters was a rising star in the Air Force vehicle operations community and a professional noncommissioned officer through and through.

"His squad members frequently sought his counsel and his leadership," Anaya said. "He is highly respected and greatly loved by the members of the mighty 494th Aerospace Expeditionary Force Truck Company."

Army Command Sergeant Major Benjamin Ramos, 44th Core Support Battalion, said Sergeant Peters "set the standard everyday."

"He never backed down," he explained.

Peters entered the Air Force on January 29, 1997. After completing basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, he attended the Vehicle Operator Journeyman course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Prior to deploying to Iraq, he had served as the noncommissioned officer in charge of equipment support for the 314th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

Peters was a native of Little Rock, where his mother, Linda H. Benning, and his son, Dalton W. Peters, still live.

His military decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with Valor device, Purple Heart, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Ribbon and the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon.



## Meet your neighbor



### Senior Airman Israel Brito

Home station: Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

Unit: 332nd ESFS

Arrived in the AOR: February 3

Family: Wife, Celina

Hobbies: Weightlifting and MWO wrestling

How do I contribute to the mission? I provide security for all U.S. military services.

Besides my family, what do I miss back home? I miss barbecuing with friends.



## PUBLIC HEALTH NOTE

"Public Health Note" is a column that answers frequently asked public health questions. Submit questions to [public.health@BLAB.aorcentaf.af.mil](mailto:public.health@BLAB.aorcentaf.af.mil).

**Q**: I am working to prepare some of the existing buildings for some of the new missions coming on board. The problem is that these buildings have a lot of debris in them, and I was concerned that I might run across some creepy crawlers or mice. Is there anything I should be worried about?

**A**: It's a good thing that you're concerned about the potential for being exposed to any one of Balad's other residents.

Balad/LSA Anaconda has the potential for several species of snakes and scorpions, not to mention field mice. These creatures tend to seek shelter in cooler shady areas such as unused buildings and piles of old construction debris. Scorpions have already been identified on the base. Mice are attracted to food, even in living quarters. The bottom line is this: Don't keep food in your living areas. Be aware of your surroundings. Be careful where you reach and step. Wear gloves when handling debris. And if you do get bitten or stung, please seek medical attention immediately.

# Losing, damaging government property could cost you dearly

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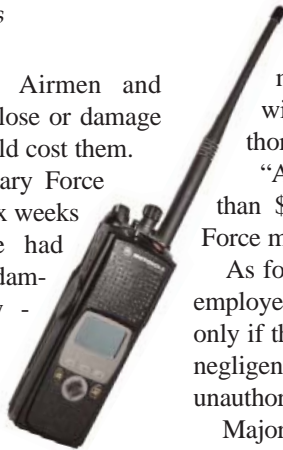
Balad officials warned Airmen and employees here that if they lose or damage government property - it could cost them.

Since the Air Expeditionary Force 9/10 rotation began nearly six weeks ago, Balad officials have had numerous cases of lost or damaged government property - mostly land mobile radios.

According to Lt. Col. Nick Johnston, Balad's chief financial officer, a land mobile radio costs the Air Force approximately \$3,700 per radio, or \$4,000 including batteries.

If a servicemember or worker loses or damages government property, officials say a Report of Survey will be conducted and the individual may be held financially liable.

Maj. Brandon Hart, a 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing judge advocate, said



servicemembers and employees can be held liable for the loss, damage, or destruction of government property caused by negligence, willful misconduct or deliberate unauthorized use.

"A radio issued to you is no different than \$4,000 cash," he said. "Every Air Force member needs to keep this in mind."

As for government vehicles, Airmen and employees may be held financially liable only if the damage resulted from their gross negligence, willful misconduct or deliberate unauthorized use.

Major Hart said that although this is a deployed environment with a high operations tempo, it is still the individual's responsibility to take good care of government property.

"Even though we are in a deployed environment with its many challenges, we must not forget our obligation to safeguard and protect government property that taxpayers have entrusted to us," Major Hart said.

## Need legal advice?

Balad's legal office is open from:

**Monday -Saturday**

**8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Sundays**

**1 - 8 p.m.**

**Call 458-1148/1136  
for more information.**



# Is your trailer or tent fire safe?

Senior Master Sgt.  
William Hodges

332nd ECES/Fire department

You leave your trailer or tent in a hurry to meet friends at the theater.

But before leaving, you had heated up a quick bite to eat with an unauthorized electric hot plate.

In the rush to get ready, you placed the hot plate on the floor next to the bed and left.

Here's what happens next:

The hot plate plugged in or not, can generate enough heat to ignite materials easier and faster after use in a dry environment.

The bedding and blankets hanging off the side of the bed catch fire and are now totally engulfed in flames within the



Courtesy photo

**Balad firefighters extinguish a tent fire off Pennsylvania Avenue recently.**

first minute.

Bystanders see the smoke and call the fire department. The bystanders desperately try to extinguish the flames for five minutes but make no progress because they could not find the

fire extinguisher (found later inside, underneath what use to be the bed).

By this time heat and flames from the ignition source have spread to the walls, then to the ceiling, then to the entire area.

The fire department arrives and deploys their hoses just in time to stop the fire from spreading to the neighbor's living quarters.

However, your neighbors were sleeping at the time and their smoke detector did not go off. The batteries were dead.

The super heated gases and smoke from the fire have caused a neighbor to have smoke inhalation and they were transported to the hospital.

Fire prevention is everyone's business. You may have been the person taken to the hospital or the fire may have burned all your possessions. Don't wait for it to happen to you. Be proactive.

For more information about fire prevention call 458-1059.



# Preparing for life in the hot seat

## Airmen train for upcoming convoy missions in Iraq



Photos by Airman 1st Class Heather Norris

A convoy prepares to go on a training mission July 15. More than 150 Airmen participated in the five-day training exercise designed to prepare them for upcoming missions in Iraq.



(From left to right) Staff Sgt. Doug Vantroba, Staff Sgt. Edward Pena, Airman 1st Class Roque Solis, Airman 1st Class Donald Ross, Senior Airman Steven MacNeil, and Staff Sgt. Dale Hicks III, fire their M-4s during close quarters marksmanship training July 15.



Col. Gary Shick, 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group commander, speaks to the "Airmen-Soldiers" before the start of training July 14.



Staff Sgt. Chad Gilleney fires his M-4 weapon during a live-fire exercise designed to test the Airmen's abilities to hit targets while in a vehicle.



Staff Sgt. Lashawndra Singleton, a PERSCO representative assigned to the 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group at Balad, retrieves a copy of orders from Airmen as they step off the plane at the deployed training grounds.

## Banding together



Courtesy photo

More than 20 Airmen came together last week in the spirit of brotherhood during a "Band of Brothers" luncheon July 14. The event, sponsored by the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Chapel, brought Airmen together to share stories and enjoy a meal with real silverware.



# CONVOY: Airmen prepare for upcoming mission in Iraq

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The training these current Airmen are going through has evolved from what the first transporters to deploy into Iraq experienced earlier in the year.

"From our initial training we were able to rely on a lot of lessons learned," said Chief Master Sgt. Michael Taylor, 732nd EMSG Rear Detachment chief enlisted manager and career vehicle operator. "The original training took about six weeks all in the theater. Now, most of the training is conducted at Camp Bullis and the training here has been cut down to less than a week."

The Air Force is training vehicle operators for convoy missions to fill shortfalls the Army has experienced during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Airmen will be tactically assigned to Army units and their training prior to the deployment in the combat zone will prepare them to fully incorporate into those units.

"Once they hit Camp Bullis, they start speaking Army," said Maj. Daniel McGee, 732nd EMSG Rear Detachment com-

mander. "They organize just like the Army and when they fall into their units in Iraq they need to be task organized like the Army and need to speak the lingo."

The new breed of Airmen-Soldiers who are currently deployed and those who are preparing to take their place have adapted well to changing the way they normally operate.

"You go through your Air Force career and learn leadership skills, but you're never trained to lead Airmen into combat," said Chief Taylor. "It's a tribute to our Air Force culture. These Airmen can think on their feet and make quick decisions and that hasn't changed in the combat zone."

For many of the Airmen, it's taken some time to adjust to their new operating procedures.

"I was a little shocked. I had no idea I'd be doing this," said Airman Lee Webber a vehicle operator deployed from Moody AFB, Ga., who has only been in the Air Force for six months. "Sometimes I wake up and wonder if it's all a dream. Sometimes I don't feel like an Airman and I don't feel like a Soldier. I just feel military."

"I've been in convoys in Kuwait and in Saudi Arabia, but never in combat. It's a new experience and eye opener for all of us," said Senior Airman James Seay a vehicle operator deployed from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. "I'm excited and a little scared at the same time. We're all ready to get there and get the job done. We know what we have to do; all that's left now is doing it."

Much of the transporters' training has focused on team building and communication, skills that will be critical to mission success when they hit the ground in Iraq.

"The most important thing we give them is each other," said Chief Master Sgt. Carl Hunsinger, the truck company's top enlisted Airman deployed from Yokota Air Base, Japan. "They have to know there is always somebody to talk to. They really have to get to know everything about each other so they can tell when there's a problem and be able to get their heads back into the game."

While the Airmen's greatest concern in the region will be

each other, some also hope their actions will change the way their Air Force specialty is viewed.

"As operators we're trained to be there on-time, every time. We do that on a daily basis and have never really gotten the recognition," said Chief Taylor. "These guys are now even prouder to be Airmen and vehicle Operators."

"I'm a lot prouder," said Airman Seay. In the past, people just saw us as bus drivers. Now, I think we'll gain a lot more respect."

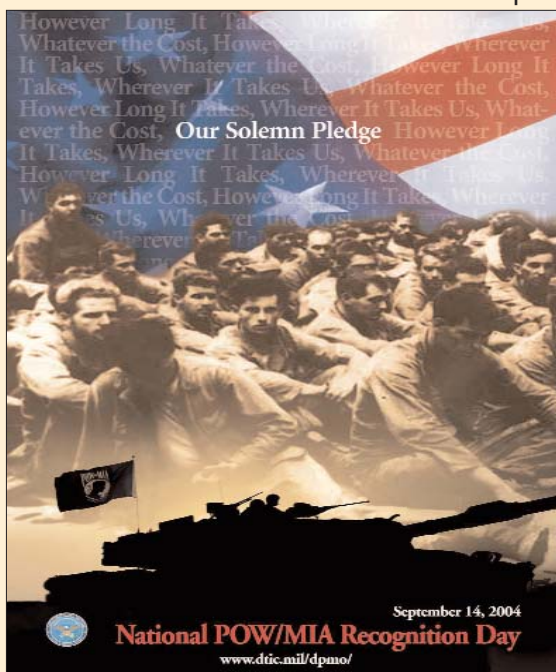
Whether or not these combat Airmen change the way others view their career field, they are definitely breaking new ground for the Air Force.

"You're doing a good thing for the United States of America. You're doing a good thing for the people of Iraq. You're doing a good thing for the world and you're making Air Force history," said Col. Shick.

There are currently approximately 500 Air Force transporters running convoys in Iraq along with another 200 civil engineers and Petroleum, Lubricants and Oil troops supporting Army ground units.



## POW/MIA Poster En Route to Troops



Courtesy photo

Some 142,000 copies of the 2004 POW/MIA Recognition Day poster are being distributed to military installations and ships at sea worldwide and to veterans' organizations, Veterans Affairs medical facilities and family organizations. There will be an announcement in the Red Tail Flyer when supplies arrive here.

## Defense briefs

### Air Force Fleet Viability Board releases C-5A assessment

WASHINGTON -- With some qualifications, the first Air Force Fleet Viability Board assessment shows the C-5A Galaxy has at least 25 years of service life remaining.

While the aircraft is among the oldest in the Air Force inventory, officials reported there are no major structural life issues. In the board's judgment, with avionics and engine modifications, the C-5A has the service life remaining. The report indicates the aircraft still requires significant maintenance effort and support costs, but nothing disproportionate to the enormity of the aircraft itself.

### Cadet court-martial ends with dismissal

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- The general court-martial of Cadet 1st Class Shane T. Thomas ended July 14 with a guilty verdict for two of three offenses, and a sentence of dismissal with no confinement.

Original charges were preferred against Cadet Thomas on Oct. 31 for Uniformed Code of Military Justice violations including the wrongful use and possession of a controlled substance, and wrongfully communicating a verbal threat. Cadet Thomas faced a maximum confinement of 13 years, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and dismissal from the Air Force. Cadet Thomas was found guilty of using ketamine, but not guilty of possessing Ecstasy. Cadet Thomas was also found guilty of communicating a verbal threat to another cadet.

### DoD Creates Office of Detainee Affairs

WASHINGTON -- The Defense Department is changing the way it handles detainee issues and has created a new internal organization to deal with Red Cross reports, a senior official said in the Pentagon July 16.

Officials have created an Office of Detainee Affairs that will be responsible for strategy development and policy recommendations, Principal Deputy Undersecretary for Policy C. Ryan Henry announced in a news briefing. The new office also will handle reports from the International Committee of the Red Cross.

## Treatment available to troops suffering from combat stress

Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- The servicemember who goes to combat and the one who comes back are never the same person, the Defense Department's director of mental-health policy said July 14.

"No one comes back unchanged," said Army Col. (Dr.) Tom Burke.

Dr. Burke and other DOD health officials try to reach out to those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan who may be suffering from combat-related mental-health problems or post-traumatic stress disorder, he said.

Recently, the Army released a first-of-its-kind medical report that showed frontline action had adversely affected the mental health of some servicemembers. Dr. Burke, who advises DOD leaders on mental-health issues, said combat veterans and their families should watch for changes in behavior that can range from mild depressive and anxiety symptoms to trouble sleeping and nightmares.

"In the majority of the cases, these symp-

toms are transient; they are common and diminish with time," he said. Servicemembers may have the occasional sleepless night or memories that come back out of nowhere for years, "and that's normal."

Other symptoms to look for, he said, are sad and withdrawn moods, tearfulness, problems sleeping -- too much or too little -- and problems with appetite, memory loss and concentration. Drug and alcohol abuse also are symptoms of a problem.

But the problems are not always mild, and the symptoms are not always subtle.

"If (people start) talking about hurting themselves [or] killing themselves, it's important to not panic but to take that kind of talk very seriously and get them to help," Dr. Burke said, "even if it involves calling 911."

The doctor said that mental problems can go on for years if not treated, and that symptoms of combat-related mental illness do not always happen right away.

"They develop over time," he said.

Also, he said, screening now takes place before deployments, preventive service is

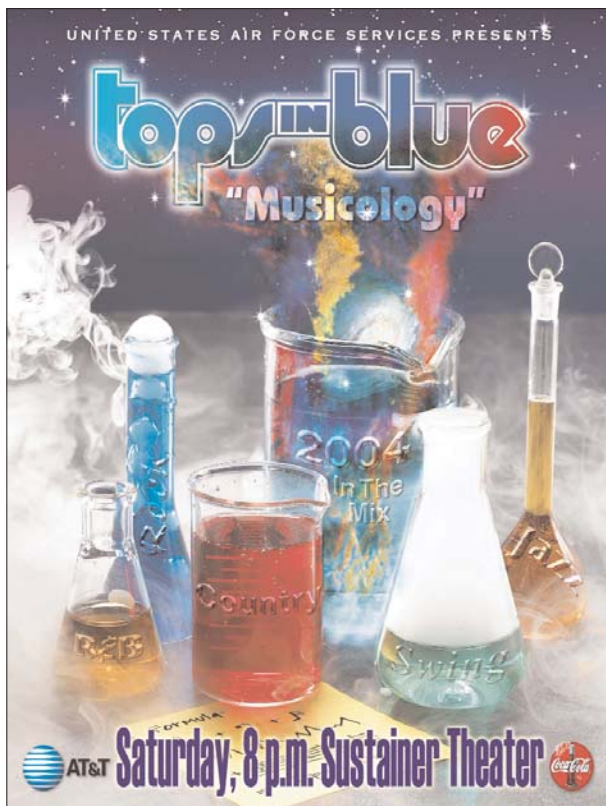
provided during deployments, followed by more screening during redeployments and follow-up care at treatment facilities.

Dr. Burke said the low percentage also indicates that the majority of servicemembers surveyed are faring well under combat conditions. That may be because of realistic training and having the "best equipment in the world," he said.

He said that tougher training and better equipment, along with a more stable rotation schedule "has contributed to the resilience of (servicemembers) and their ability to handle the stresses of combat."

The military has a number of resources to help those seeking assistance, he said, starting with the servicemember's chain of command. He also encourages them to talk with comrades or their chaplains.

Servicemembers can get confidential counseling through the military's "One Source" program. The 24-hour-a-day service is for servicemembers and their families, and provides quick, professional assistance with problems.



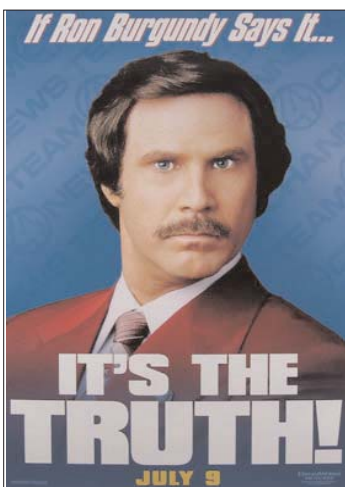
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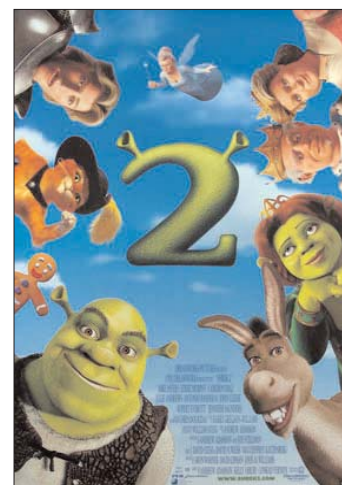
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# Sustainer Movie Schedule



Schedule is subject to change

<b>Today</b> 3 p.m. - Raising Helen 6 p.m. - Anchorman 9 p.m. - Anchorman  <b>Saturday</b> 8 p.m. - Air Force Tops in Blue performance  <b>Sunday</b> 3 p.m. - Shrek 2 6 p.m. - Anchorman 9 p.m. - The Day After	<b>Tomorrow</b> <b>Monday</b> 3 p.m. - The Day After Tomorrow 6 p.m. - Shrek 2 9 p.m. - Raising Helen <b>Tuesday</b> 3 p.m. - Anchorman 6 p.m. - Raising Helen 9 p.m. - Shrek 2	<b>Wednesday</b> 3 p.m. - Shrek 2 6 p.m. - Anchorman 9 p.m. - Raising Helen <b>Thursday</b> 3 p.m. - Raising Helen 6 p.m. - The Day After Tomorrow 9 p.m. - Anchorman
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